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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : If sufficient time is given to the Hon. Minister, will he be in a position to give the information regarding the total expenditure incurred by the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The amount of money and time spent on this will not be worth incurring.

Export Promotion Council for Handlooms

*13 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Central Government have rejected the proposal to set up an Export Promotion Council for Handlooms?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will this Government press on the Government of India to form the Council in a short time?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government of India have decided not to establish a Handloom Export Council exclusively for handlooms.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Then what is the attitude of the Government when it has recommended the formation of the Export Promotion Council?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : In matters within the jurisdiction of the Government of India, their decision is final.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, is it not a fact that for the export of commodities like cashewnuts and others Export Promotion Councils have been formed? The handloom industry is one on which some lakhs and lakhs of people are dependent for their livelihood. Is it not, therefore, fair on the part of this Government to press on the Central Government to form an Export Promotion Council for handlooms?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : This matter can be taken up in Parliament. The hon. Member must have friends who are Members of Parliament and questions can be asked there.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : But what is the duty of this Government towards the weavers of this State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I will refer the hon Member to the rules of the Legislative Council.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : கைத்தறி ஏற்றுமதிக்குத் தேவையான ஒரு ஆலோசனைக் குழுவை அமைப்பதற்கு மறுத்த மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தார் என்ன காரணத்தை மாகாண அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அவசியம் இல்லை என்றார்.